



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

June 13, 2018

H.R. 4989 **Protecting Diplomats from Surveillance Through Consumer Devices Act**

*As ordered reported by the House Committee on Foreign Affairs
on May 17, 2018*

H.R. 4989 would require the Department of State to establish a policy on the use of location-tracking consumer devices at U.S. diplomatic and consular facilities. The policy would apply to federal employees, contractors, and locally employed staff. The department would be required to report to the Congress and brief staff stationed at those facilities about the new policy.

On the basis of information from the department about existing cybersecurity procedures at overseas facilities and similar reporting requirements, CBO estimates that implementing the bill would cost less than \$500,000 over the 2018-2023 period; such spending would be subject to the availability of appropriated funds.

Enacting H.R. 4989 would not affect direct spending or revenues; therefore, pay-as-you-go procedures do not apply.

CBO estimates that enacting H.R. 4989 would not increase net direct spending or on-budget deficits in any of the four consecutive 10-year periods beginning in 2029.

H.R. 4989 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act.

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